

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of eliminating an unwanted connection to a destination associated with a node in a network, comprising the steps of:
- receiving, at the node, a signal requesting a connection to the destination;
  - determining a source of the signal;
  - 5 determining, at the node, information reflecting a desire on behalf of the destination to accept a connection from the source; and
  - requesting the connection between the source and the destination based on the determination.
2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
- determining, at the node, whether the connection was accepted; and
  - modifying information associated with the destination.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein requesting the connection between the source and the destination, further comprises:
- sending a caller-id signal indicating the desire on behalf of the destination to accept the connection.
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein requesting the connection between the source and the destination, further comprises:

sending a caller-id signal indicating the destination does not desire to accept the connection.

5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of:  
declining, at the destination, the connection based on the information.

6. A system for eliminating an unwanted connection to a destination associated with a node in a network, comprising:

means for receiving, at the node, a signal requesting a connection to the destination;

- 5 means for determining a source of the signal;

means for determining, at the node, information reflecting a desire on behalf of the destination to accept a connection from the source; and

means for requesting the connection between the source and the destination based on the determination.

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7. The system according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for determining, at the node, whether the connection was accepted; and

means for modifying information associated with the destination.

8. The system according to claim 6, wherein the means for requesting the connection between the source and the destination based on the determination, further comprises:

means for sending a caller-id signal indicating the desire on behalf of the  
5 destination to accept the connection.

9. The system according to claim 6, wherein the means for requesting the connection between the source and the destination based on the determination, further comprises:

means for sending a caller-id signal indicating the destination does not  
5 desire to accept the connection.

10. The system according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for declining, at the destination, the connection based on the  
information.

11. A computer-readable medium capable of configuring a computer to perform a method of eliminating an unwanted connection to a destination associated with a node in a network, comprising:

program code for receiving, at the node, a signal requesting a connection  
5 to the destination;

program code for determining a source of the signal;

program code for determining, at the node, information reflecting a desire on behalf of the destination to accept a connection from the source; and

program code for requesting the connection between the source and the  
10 destination based on the determination.

12. The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, further comprising:  
program code for determining, at the node, whether the connection was  
accepted; and  
program code for modifying an account associated with the destination.

13. The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the  
program code for requesting the connection between the source and the destination  
based on the determination, comprises:  
program code for sending a caller-id signal indicating the desire on behalf  
5 of the destination to accept the connection.

14. The computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the  
program code for requesting the connection between the source and the destination  
based on the determination, comprises:  
program code for sending a caller-id signal indicating the destination does  
5 not desire to accept the connection.

15. The computer-readable medium according to claim 14, further comprising:  
program code for declining, at the destination, the connection based on  
the information.

16. A node within a network for eliminating unwanted calls, comprising:  
an input for receiving a signal, from a source, requesting a connection to a  
destination;  
a processor for determining a source of the signal;  
5 a registry for storing information reflecting a desire on behalf of the  
destination to accept a connection from the source; and  
a signaling module for providing the information to the destination and  
requesting the connection between the source and the destination.

17. The node according to claim 16, further comprising:  
a memory for storing information indicating an account balance for the  
destination; and  
wherein the processor modifies the account balance based upon whether  
5 the destination accepts the connection.

18. The node according to claim 16, wherein the signaling module utilizes  
caller-id signaling.

19. A computer-readable medium referenced by a node within a network for eliminating unwanted phone calls comprising:

information identifying at least one destination;

information identifying at least one source; and

5 information reflecting a desire on behalf of the at least one destination to accept a connection from the at least one source.

20. The computer-readable medium according to claim 19, further comprising:

information tracking a history of accepted calls by the at least one destination.

21. The computer-readable medium according to claim 19, further comprising:  
information tracking a history of declined calls by the at least one destination.

22. A processor within a network for eliminating unwanted calls, comprising:  
an input means for receiving a signal requesting a connection to destination;

a module for determining a source of the signal;

5 a module for determining information reflecting a desire on behalf of the destination to accept a connection from the source; and

23. A node for receiving a connection across a network, comprising:

means for identifying information reflecting a desire on behalf of the node

means for establishing the connection between the node and the source

1. Demographic and Socioeconomic Data		2. Health Status and Risk Factors		3. Healthcare Utilization		4. Patient Satisfaction		5. Health Disparities	
Age Group	18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75+	Gender	Male, Female	Ethnicity	White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, Other	Education Level	High School, College, Graduate	Income Level	Low, Middle, High
Marital Status	Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed	Smoking Status	Never, Former, Current	Alcohol Consumption	None, Light, Moderate, Heavy	Exercise Frequency	None, Low, Moderate, High	Weight Status	Underweight, Normal, Overweight, Obese
Employment Status	Full-time, Part-time, Unemployed, Retired	Chronic Conditions	Hypertension, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Asthma, etc.	Acute Conditions	Flu, Cold, Infection, Injury, etc.	Medication Adherence	Yes, No, Sometimes	Health Insurance Type	Medicaid, Medicare, Private, Uninsured
Healthcare Access	Distance to Clinic, Transportation, Hours of Operation	Health Literacy	Basic, Intermediate, Advanced	Language Proficiency	English, Spanish, Vietnamese, etc.	Trust in Healthcare Provider	High, Medium, Low	Perceived Health Status	Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor
Community Support	Family, Friends, Community Groups	Stress Levels	Low, Moderate, High	Healthcare Costs	Out-of-Pocket, Insurance Premiums, Copayments	Communication with Provider	Open, Closed, Mixed	Healthcare Quality	High, Medium, Low
Healthcare Needs	Preventive Care, Chronic Disease Management, Mental Health, etc.	Healthcare Barriers	Financial, Cultural, Language, Access, etc.	Healthcare Satisfaction	Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied	Healthcare Disparities	Racial, Ethnic, Socioeconomic	Healthcare Disparities	Racial, Ethnic, Socioeconomic